

presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2647, the Department of Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Harry Reid, Ben Nelson, Benjamin L. Cardin, Byron L. Dorgan, Robert Menendez, Richard J. Durbin, Charles E. Schumer, Tom Harkin, Evan Bayh, Patrick J. Leahy, Jack Reed, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Roland W. Burris, Edward E. Kaufman, Paul G. Kirk, Jr., Barbara Boxer, Sheldon Whitehouse, Carl Levin.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum be waived.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, with respect to the conference report accompanying H.R. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, I certify that the information required by rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate related to congressionally directed spending items has been identified in the joint statement of managers accompanying the conference report and that the required information has been available on a publicly accessible congressional Web site for more than 48 hours.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### NOMINATION OF WILLIAM K. SESSIONS III TO BE CHAIR OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

Mr. REID. I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 132, the nomination of William Sessions, to be chairman of the United States Sentencing Commission.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Nomination of William K. Sessions III, of Vermont, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. I now send a cloture motion to the desk.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of William K. Sessions, III, of Vermont, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission.

Patrick J. Leahy, Thomas R. Carper, Byron L. Dorgan, Tom Udall, Benjamin L. Cardin, Roland W. Burris, Al Franken, Tom Harkin, Jon Tester, Charles E. Schumer, Mark Begich, Frank R. Lautenberg, Daniel K. Akaka, Sherrod Brown, Bernard Sanders, Richard J. Durbin, Jack Reed.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum be waived and the Senate now resume legislative session.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate will resume legislative session.

(At the request of Mr. REID, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

• Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for the vote on the conference report to accompany Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 2892. If I were able to attend today's session, I would have voted yes on the conference report.

#### THE RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I rise today to express my great appreciation to Senators HARKIN, DODD, and COBURN for working in a bipartisan manner to reauthorize the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program. I am also thankful to all of the members on the HELP Committee for their efforts to ensure that we passed this bill in a timely manner so that individuals receiving care under the Ryan White program would not see an interruption in their services.

This bill continues policies that seek to accomplish the goal of ensuring that Ryan White funding follows the patient. The bill, which will pass by unanimous consent, updates funding formulas and requires more accurate and reliable data reporting from the States, which will ensure that funds are allocated to the areas with the greatest need. It encourages aggressive testing strategies and establishes a national HIV/AIDS testing goal of 5 million tests per year. The bill also provides more flexibility to allow grantees to spend funds effectively.

Over the years we have seen a dramatic change in the geographic location of the HIV/AIDS epidemic from northern, metropolitan areas, to southern—and in many instances—rural areas. Today, more persons living with AIDS reside in the South than in any other area of the country. Of the 26,347 new HIV cases, 51.2 percent were diagnosed in the 17 Southern States and of the top 20 metropolitan areas with the highest AIDS case rates, 14 were in the

South. Thanks to the bipartisan efforts of the HELP Committee this reauthorization will ensure that funding is distributed in an equitable manner, reaching individuals with the greatest need.

The Ryan White program provides care for millions of Americans in need of medical care. Unfortunately we have also seen abuses, where these funds are misspent and patients do not receive the care they need. As the ranking member of the HELP Committee, I will continue to work to prevent these abuses and guarantee that funding is distributed to legitimate organizations that provide real services. It is a travesty that so many millions of dollars have been wasted due to poor oversight and corruption.

As Congress continues to authorize and provide funding for services under the Ryan White program, we must also commit to conduct proper oversight, so that these dollars actually reach the patients who need assistance, rather than being pocketed by criminals.

I close by again expressing my great appreciation to my colleagues for their hours of hard work and dedication to extend the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program. I also thank the HIV/AIDS community for their tireless efforts to provide care to individuals with HIV/AIDS. Many Americans with HIV/AIDS will continue to receive access to vital care because of the compassion and dedication of HIV/AIDS organizations receiving Ryan White dollars. Finally, I also thank my staff members Greg Dean, Chuck Clapton and Hayden Rhudy, as well as the staff members of Senator HARKIN's office, Connie Gardner and Jenelle Krishnamoorthy, for their hard work on this important bill.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### REMEMBERING CAROL TOMLINSON-KEASEY

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Dr. Carol Tomlinson-Keasey, a committed educator and administrator and the founding chancellor of University of California, Merced. Dr. Tomlinson-Keasey passed away on October 10th from complications related to breast cancer. She was 66 years old.

Dr. Carol Tomlinson-Keasey was born in Washington, DC, on October 15, 1942. The daughter of an Army officer, she moved around frequently before graduating from a high school in France. Dr. Tomlinson-Keasey received a bachelor's degree in political science from Penn State University, a master's in psychology from Iowa State University, and a Ph.D. in developmental psychology from University of California, Berkeley.

In 1977, Dr. Tomlinson-Keasey became an associate professor of psychology at the University of California, Riverside. During her 15-year tenure at UC Riverside, she earned faculty and